

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1.     *(previously presented)* An absorbent article comprising a topsheet, a backsheet, and a means for valving, said means for valving comprising at least one one-way valve and a means for connecting which permits the connecting of a means for pumping, wherein the means for valving allows air to be distributed into one or more regions of the article.
2.     *(previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the means for valving allows air to be discharged into the article in a region between a wearer's skin and the article.
3.     *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the means for connecting comprises a second one-way valve.
4.     *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein said means for valving comprises a first one way valve which intakes air from outside said product and a second one way valve which discharges air into said product.
5.     *(previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, wherein the means for valving further comprises piping or tubing which operably connects the means for connecting and the at least one one-way valve.
6.     *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 1 further comprising a means for pumping wherein the means for pumping comprises a means for manually or mechanically assisting passing passage of air through the means for connecting of the absorbent article.
7.     *(previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein the means for pumping comprises an external bellows.

8. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 7, wherein the means for pumping further includes a desiccant placed inside of the external bellows.
9. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 7, wherein the means for pumping further comprises piping or tubing to permit the connecting of the means for pumping to the article.
10. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 9, wherein the bellows means comprises an air bag made from materials selected from the group consisting of films and coated nonwoven fabrics.
11. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 10, wherein said air bag is extrusion coated nonwoven.
12. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 10, wherein said air bag is nonwoven fabric coated with latex.
13. *(currently amended)* The absorbent article of Claim 7, wherein ~~said bellows comprises the means for valving having~~ comprises at least two one way valves.
14. *(previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 1 as a garment having a waist area, wherein the means for connecting is located in the waist area of the article.
15. *(withdrawn)* The article of Claim 1 as a garment having a leg area, wherein the means for connecting is located in the leg area of the article.
16. *(previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein said means for pumping is permanently connected.
17. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein said means for pumping is capable of use with one or more articles.
18. *(previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein the means for pumping is an external means for pumping that is self-contained.

19. *(previously presented)* The absorbent article of Claim 6, wherein the means for pumping is an external means for pumping that is attached to the article.
20. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 1 which is a personal care product.
21. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is a diaper.
22. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is a training pant.
23. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is swimwear.
24. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is an incontinence product.
25. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is a bandage.
26. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is a sanitary napkin.
27. *(original)* The absorbent article of Claim 20 which is an absorbent pad.
28. *(previously presented)* A personal care product comprising a topsheet, a backsheet, and a means for distributing, said means for distributing comprising distribution piping and a means for connecting which permits the connecting of a pump, wherein the means for distributing facilitates air exchange in the product, thereby reducing the moisture encountered by skin of a wearer.
29. *(previously presented)* The personal care product of Claim 28, wherein means for distributing allows air to be discharged into one or more regions of the product.
30. *(currently amended)* The personal care product of Claim 28, further comprising a pump adapted to be ~~actuated by~~ manual or mechanically actuated assisted means for pumping and force air into or draw air from the product in a region between the wearer's skin and the product.

31. *(previously presented)* The personal care product of Claim 30, wherein the pump is self-contained.

32. *(withdrawn)* The personal care product of Claim 30, wherein the pump is readily removable from the product.

33. *(original)* The personal care product of Claim 28, wherein the personal care product is selected from a diaper, training pant, swimwear, absorbent underpant, adult incontinence product, feminine hygiene product, absorbent pad, wound dressing and bandage.

34. *(withdrawn)* The absorbent article of Claim 1, further comprising a desiccant.